

# Ipswich City Football Club

## 2010 Football Season

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Hi All, before we get into 2010 we would like to give you a brief review of the 2009 season.

The 2009 season proved to be very successful on field for the club with the Senior Mens team being promoted to Division 1 after winning the Division 2 Premiership and Grand Final. Many of our junior competitive teams made emphatic statements by earning places in the Finals and Grand Finals of their respective competitions. To the each and every one of the 497 Bulls players from the Tiny Tots through to the Over 40s "*well done*" and thanks for a fantastic 2009.

Off field our club struggled with a number of setbacks. In February the canteen was destroyed by fire. Although we hoped the repairs would be completed in a short timeframe this was not the case and the canteen was not operational until the last week of September. Although a makeshift canteen was operational the loss of income that resulted had a serious impact on the club's finances. The club also suffered losses from two "break and enter" incidents. Insurance covered the majority of losses for the goods but again these incidents had a direct impact on the club's financial state.

In 2009 the club changed the fee structure to remove the requirement for weekly match fees to be collected. All fees including match fees were paid at sign on. The overall amount of the fees did not rise, in fact it worked out to be cheaper to play in 2009 than it was in 2008. For some of the players and parents the extra financial impact of upfront fees caused some negative comments, but I have to stress the changes were generally well accepted.

Player numbers fell slightly for the 2009 season when compared to the 2008 season. The table below details 2007, 2008 and 2009 registered player numbers. From discussions with Football Brisbane it seems player numbers were down across all clubs.

<b>Competition</b>	<b>2007 players</b>	<b>2008 players</b>	<b>2009 players</b>
Tiny Tots	30	50	53
SSG	141	141	146
Juniors	190	177	133
Seniors	61	102	97
Over 35	48	45	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>497</b>

The committee is always open to suggestions and input from our club members on ways we can improve the services we provide. We are a very small committee and we are in desperate need for assistance to run our club. The committee would like to have your input and assistance in guiding the current and future direction of our club.

If you have some ideas on how things can be improved or you would like to become involved with the club management, we would love to hear from you. You don't need special talents, you only need a desire to assist and the ability to work as part of a team.

Your fees are a major source of income for our club. Your fees enable the committee to provide you with the playing and training facilities, playing and training equipment, affiliation fees, referee fees, insurances, trophies and all the other extras that go towards making our club the friendly and family orientated place that it is.

The table below gives a high level indicator of how much it costs to run our club for the 2009 season.

<b>Analysis from Jan to October 2009</b>	<b>Notes</b>
\$210,578 income	Money coming into the club
\$204,597 expenditure	Money spent to run the club

For the 2010 season the committee has decided to continue the upfront payment option. The committee has given a great deal of thought to the new fees structure and the impacts it may have on the family budget. Therefore we want to emphasise that the fees are a one off payment, ***no other club payments are required.***

The fees for the 2010 have increased. The committee has had to raise the fees to keep the club financially viable. Without a solid financial base the club will be unable to provide equipment and facilities we all have come to expect from a modern sporting club.

The fees for the 2010 season are;

<b>Teams</b>	<b>Matches in 2010</b>	<b>2010 Fees</b>	<b>2009 fees</b>	<b>Extra in 2010</b>
SSG	18	\$255	\$222	\$33
Juniors 11-16	18	\$315	\$280	\$35
Women 17 - 18 yo	20	\$355	\$320	\$35
Youth 17- 18 yo	22	\$355	\$320	\$35
Senior women	20	\$455	\$420	\$ 35
Senior men	26	\$475	\$420	\$55
Over 35	20	\$315	\$280	\$35
Tiny Tots	0	\$60	\$50	\$10

The Senior Men have to contend with the greatest fee increase. This is because they have much higher competition and referee fees as they are now playing in the Premier Division 1 League.

**In 2010 we will enforce that full fees payment is required before being registered.** We will also require players and parents to sign our Code of Conduct and Refund of Fees policies, Alcohol and Smoking guidelines.

Payment by cash, cheque, eftpos and most credit cards will be accepted.

Sign on dates for 2010 are

- Saturday, 30/1/2010 - 9am to noon
- Saturday, 6/2/2010 - 9am to noon.

Looking forward to great year in 2010 at the Bulls.

Thanks, from the Ipswich City Football Club Committee.